

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended). ~~* In combination, a shuttered connector and a mating connector including an insertion part having a slanted surface, the shuttered connector comprising:~~

a fitting part that receives ~~a~~ the mating connector;
an insulator;

a shutter rotatably supported by the insulator between a closed position at which the shutter covers the fitting part and an opened position at which the mating connector is capable of being fitted with the shuttered connector; and

elastic members that continuously urge said shutter in the ~~a~~ closing direction, said shutter including ~~guide units, the mating connector including insertion parts, the insertion parts and the guide units cooperating to rotate said at least one shutter in order to open said at least one shutter a guide unit having an inclined surface, said shutter being rotated to open~~ outwards, with said inclined surface being pushed by said slanted surface when said fitting part receives said mating connector, so that the mating connector said shuttered connector is capable of being fitted with the shuttered fitting said mating connector.

2 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein the shutter comprising comprises one shutter plate that opens in the a direction orthogonal to the a fitting direction of the mating connector.

3 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~shutter~~ shutter has a two-plates structure having two shutter plates, the shutter plates moving upward and downward, respectively to open and butting the ends of the shutter plates together to close.

4 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein the insertion parts protruded has two portions protruding from the front ends of both sides of the mating connector.

5 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said shutter further includes arms at both sides of said shutter, the arms reaching the insulator, one end of each of the arms being rotatably supported by the insulator.

6 (canceled).

7 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein the fitting part of the shuttered connector is part of shells arranged at least at upper and lower surfaces of the insulator so as to cover ends of the insulator, the mating connector being sandwiched between the shells in the vertical direction.

8 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 7, wherein the shells are joined to a substrate.

9 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, further comprising socket contacts located in positions corresponding to the mating contacts for making contact with the mating connector, wherein the mating connector further ~~comprising a plurality of~~ comprises plural a plurality of mating contacts located in positions different from the insertion parts and aligned in the a width direction.

10 (currently amended). ~~A shuttered connector~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein the mating connector is mounted on a substrate.

11 (currently amended). ~~A shattered connector~~ The
combination according to Claim 1, wherein the elastic members
are made of springs.